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SPEECH

To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT,

On *Thursday* the Tenth Day of *August*, 1721.

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His MAJESTIES *moſt Gracious* SPEECH *to both Houſes of Parliament, on* Thurſday *the Tenth Day of* Auguſt, 1721.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am glad that the Buſineſs of this, and the former Seſſion, is at length brought to ſuch a Period, that I have now an Opportunity of giving you ſome Receſs, after the great Pains you have taken in the Service of the Publick.

The Common Calamity occaſioned by the Wicked Execution of the *South-Sea* Scheme, was become ſo very great before your Meeting, that the Providing proper Remedies for it was very difficult: But it is a great Comfort to Me to obſerve, that Publick Credit now begins to recover; which gives Me the greateſt Hopes that it will be entirely reſtored, when all the Proviſions you have made for that End ſhall duly be put in Execution.

I have great Compaſſion for the Sufferings of the Innocent, and a juſt Indignation againſt the Guilty; and have readily given My Aſſent to ſuch Bills as you have preſented to Me, for Puniſhing the Authors of Our late Misfortunes, and for Obtaining the Reſtitution and Satisfaction due to thoſe who have been injured by them, in ſuch Manner as you judged proper. I was at the ſame Time willing and deſirous, by My Free and General Pardon, to give Eaſe and Quiet to the reſt of My Subjects, many of whom may, in ſuch a general Infatuation, have been unwarily drawn in to tranſgreſs the Laws.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I return you My hearty Thanks for the Supplies you have granted for the current Service of this Year; and particularly for your enabling Me to diſcharge the Debts and Arrears on the Civil Liſt, and to make good the Engagements I was under for Procuring Peace in the *North*, which in all probability will

now very ſoon be concluded, Theſe Inſtances of your Faithful Endeavours to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, at Home and Abroad, are freſh Marks of your Zeal and Affection to My Perſon and Government.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I take this Opportunity of Acquainting you, that We have renew'd all Our Treaties of Commerce with *Spain*, upon the ſame Foot as they were ſettled before the late War; which muſt neceſſarily prove an immediate and valuable Advantage to the Trade and Manufactures of this Kingdom.

I earneſtly recommend to you all, in your ſeveral Stations, to ſuppreſs Profaneneſs and Immorality, and to preſerve the Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom.

You are all Senſible, that the Diſcontents occaſioned by the great Loſſes that many of My Subjects have ſuſtained, have been induſtriouſly raiſed and inflamed by Malicious and Seditious Libels; but I make no Doubt, but that, by your prudent Conduct in your ſeveral Countries, all the Enemies of My Government, who flattered themſelves they ſhould be able to take Advantage from Our Misfortunes, and blow up the Sufferings of My People into Popular Diſcontent and Diſaffection, will be diſappointed in their wicked Deſigns and Expectations.

And then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſties Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT *is His Majeſties Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to* Thurſday *the Nineteenth Day of* October *next, to be then here Held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to* Thurſday *the Nineteenth Day of* October *next.*

FINIS.